GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1375
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WIRELESS IN LOCAL LOOP
AKHILESH YADAV;ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL;CHANDRA NATH SINGH;RAVI PRAKASH VERMA;SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK;SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide Wireless in local Loop (WLL) technology based telephones in all the districts during the tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the BSNL has sought special package for the purpose;

(d) if so, the funds earmarked for the purpose during the current financial year;

(e) whether the private companies operating in the rural areas of the country have opposed the use of Wireless in Local Loop technology;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor and the companies which have opposed the scheme; and

(g) the action taken by the Government in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) & (b) Government proposes to provide WLL (Wireless in Local Loop) Technology based telephones in all the district Head Quarters during the Tenth Five Year Plan. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) & Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL have proposed to add 62.93 lakh & 6.09 lakh DELs (Direct Exchange Lines) on WLL respectively during Tenth Five Year Plan subject to SACFA clearnace.

(c) & (d) No, Sir. BSNL has not sought any special package for this purpose. BSNL has earmarked funds of Rs.1320 crores for the purpose during the current financial year.

(e) No Private company operating in the rural areas of the country has opposed the use of Wireless in Local Loop Technology.

(f) & (g) Does not arise in view of (e) above.